

ORAL QUESTION H-0547/03
for Question Time at the part-session in October 2003
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Council

Subject: Violation by the United States of the human rights of five Cuban citizens

Following a trial conducted without the minimum legal safeguards, the United States Government imprisoned five Cuban citizens resident in Florida (Gerardo Hernández, René González, Fernando González, Tony Guerrero and Ramón Labañino) whose task was to combat terrorism by the mafia groups that strike at Cuba and the Cuban people. In being held in solitary confinement and incommunicado and suffering ill-treatment they are being subjected to very harsh prison conditions that constitute a serious violation of the Convention on Human Rights.

Will the Council call on the United States, as it does with other countries that fail to observe the Convention on Human Rights, to abandon its authoritarian and domineering conduct in detaining those persons in abominable conditions? Does it not consider that it should firmly ask the United States once and for all to refrain from tampering with Cuba's internal affairs?

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